Table 9. Percent distribution of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work¹ by selected injury or illness characteristics and number of days away from work, 1999

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| Characteristic  | 100.0<br>100.0<br>100.0 | 1 day<br>13.0 | 2 days<br>9.9 | 3 to 5<br>days<br>19.0 | 6 to 10<br>days | 11 to 20<br>days | 21 to 30<br>days | 31 days<br>or more | Median<br>days away<br>from work |
|---|-------------------------|---------------|---------------|------------------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
| Nature of injury, illness: Sprains, strains Bruises, contusions | 100.0                   |               | 9.9           | 19.0                   |                 |                  |                  |                    | days away                        |
| Sprains, strains<br>Bruises, contusions                         |                         |               |               | 10.0                   | 12.7            | 11.1             | 7.4              | 26.8               | 9                                |
| Sprains, strains<br>Bruises, contusions                         |                         |               |               |                        |                 |                  |                  |                    |                                  |
| Bruises, contusions   | 100.0                   | 10.8          | 9.7           | 22.0                   | 13.0            | 12.1             | 7.1              | 25.4               | 8                                |
| Cuts, Jacerations   |                         | 19.6          | 9.8           | 24.8                   | 13.3            | 10.0             | 4.5              | 18.0               | 5                                |
|   | 100.0                   | 24.1          | 11.8          | 21.8                   | 15.4            | 13.4             | 4.1              | 9.5                | 4                                |
| Fractures   | 100.0                   | 3.2           | 5.6           | 9.0                    | 7.1             | 8.2              | 16.0             | 50.9               | 34                               |
| Heat burns  | 100.0                   | 23.9          | 4.4           | 23.5                   | 24.2            | 9.6              | 4.1              | 10.3               | 5                                |
| Carpal tunnel syndrome  | 100.0                   | 1.3           | 2.0           | 10.4                   | 2.9             | 8.4              | 9.8              | 65.1               | 52                               |
| Tendonitis  | 100.0                   | 7.6           | 6.6           | 9.6                    | 14.6            | 9.0              | 11.0             | 41.6               | 22                               |
| Chemical burns  | 100.0                   | 16.7          | 22.4          | 23.5                   | 9.2             | 22.3             | 3.2              | 2.8                | 4                                |
| Amputations   | 100.0                   | 0.3           | 3.6           | 5.0                    | 3.7             | 23.6             | 16.9             | 47.0               | 30                               |
| Multiple injuries   | 100.0                   | 15.3          | 10.8          | 16.0                   | 11.6            | 7.4              | 10.5             | 28.3               | 10                               |
| Part of body affected:  |                         |               |               |                        |                 |                  |                  |                    |                                  |
| Head  | 100.0                   | 37.8          | 18.0          | 21.7                   | 7.6             | 5.5              | 1.6              | 7.7                | 2<br>2                           |
| Eye   | 100.0                   | 45.2          | 21.7          | 20.5                   | 6.2             | 4.7              | 0.1              | 1.6                | 2                                |
| Neck  | 100.0                   | 8.2           | 10.1          | 31.2                   | 15.5            | 13.8             | 4.4              | 16.7               | 6                                |
| Trunk   | 100.0                   | 10.2          | 8.4           | 20.6                   | 13.4            | 11.7             | 7.5              | 28.3               | 10                               |
| Shoulder  | 100.0                   | 10.5          | 7.7           | 18.4                   | 11.7            | 10.9             | 7.9              | 32.8               | 12                               |
| Back  | 100.0                   | 10.7          | 9.6           | 21.7                   | 13.4            | 10.5             | 6.7              | 27.3               | 8                                |
| Upper extremities   | 100.0                   | 12.7          | 10.2          | 17.8                   | 12.7            | 12.1             | 6.8              | 27.7               | 9                                |
| Wrist   | 100.0                   | 8.2           | 5.6           | 15.1                   | 7.6             | 10.8             | 10.1             | 42.7               | 22                               |
| Hand, except finger   | 100.0                   | 13.4          | 11.1          | 18.8                   | 15.5            | 8.9              | 4.6              | 27.7               | 7                                |
| Finger  | 100.0                   | 17.7          | 11.8          | 19.3                   | 12.0            | 13.7             | 5.3              | 20.3               | 6                                |
| Lower extremities   | 100.0                   | 12.0          | 9.5           | 18.4                   | 14.1            | 9.8              | 8.8              | 27.4               | 10                               |
| Knee  | 100.0                   | 9.1           | 7.4           | 16.9                   | 14.3            | 8.6              | 7.5              | 36.2               | 14                               |
| Foot, except toe  | 100.0                   | 17.9          | 9.2           | 18.3                   | 13.1            | 11.6             | 5.4              | 24.6               | 8                                |
| Toe   | 100.0                   | 16.3          | 11.3          | 17.1                   | 19.2            | 14.5             | 9.4              | 12.1               | 8                                |
| Body systems  | 100.0                   | 10.8          | 6.3           | 15.9                   | 13.3            | 11.1             | 7.4              | 35.2               | 15                               |
| Multiple parts  | 100.0                   | 11.3          | 12.4          | 15.4                   | 11.0            | 9.7              | 10.9             | 29.3               | 10                               |

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Table 9. Percent distribution of nonfatal occupational injuries and illnesses involving days away from work¹ by selected injury or illness characteristics and number of days away from work, 1999 -- Continued

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| Characteristic                            |                | Percent of cases involving |        |                |                 |                  |                  |                    |                                  |
|---|----------------|----------------------------|--------|----------------|-----------------|------------------|------------------|--------------------|----------------------------------|
|   | Total<br>cases | 1 day                      | 2 days | 3 to 5<br>days | 6 to 10<br>days | 11 to 20<br>days | 21 to 30<br>days | 31 days<br>or more | Median<br>days away<br>from work |
| Source of injury, illness:                |                |                            |        |                |                 |                  |                  |                    |                                  |
| Chemicals and chemical products           | 100.0          | 22.9                       | 17.5   | 23.4           | 18.4            | 9.6              | 2.9              | 5.3                | 3                                |
| Containers                                | 100.0          | 12.3                       | 8.1    | 19.0           | 14.5            | 12.3             | 7.6              | 26.2               | 9                                |
| Furniture and fixtures                    | 100.0          | 18.7                       | 10.3   | 18.9           | 8.8             | 12.3             | 9.2              | 21.7               | 7                                |
| Machinery                                 | 100.0          | 15.5                       | 9.5    | 17.6           | 14.7            | 10.9             | 9.2              | 22.5               | 8                                |
| Parts and materials                       | 100.0          | 16.1                       | 11.0   | 18.9           | 11.8            | 12.2             | 7.5              | 22.4               | 7                                |
| Worker motion or position                 | 100.0          | 9.5                        | 8.0    | 17.0           | 12.2            | 11.9             | 8.6              | 32.8               | 13                               |
| Floors, walkways, ground surfaces         | 100.0          | 8.1                        | 9.7    | 17.5           | 11.5            | 9.3              | 8.3              | 35.5               | 14                               |
| Tools, instruments, and equipment         | 100.0          | 19.4                       | 13.8   | 23.5           | 15.0            | 10.9             | 3.1              | 14.3               |                                  |
| Vehicles                                  | 100.0          | 11.6                       | 10.7   | 18.7           | 13.0            | 12.3             | 7.9              | 25.8               |                                  |
| Health care patient                       | 100.0          | 10.1                       | 8.1    | 26.9           | 16.0            | 12.3             | 5.3              | 21.4               | 6                                |
| Event or exposure:                        |                |                            |        |                |                 |                  |                  |                    |                                  |
| Contact with objects and equipment        | 100.0          | 21.1                       | 11.9   | 21.0           | 12.2            | 10.3             | 5.2              | 18.4               | 5                                |
| Struck by object                          | 100.0          | 20.2                       | 10.9   | 23.3           | 12.9            | 9.7              | 5.0              | 18.0               |                                  |
| Struck against object                     | 100.0          | 21.7                       | 9.9    | 21.1           | 11.0            | 9.5              | 4.9              | 21.8               |                                  |
| Caught in equipment or object             | 100.0          | 9.8                        | 9.1    | 14.2           | 13.9            | 15.4             | 10.4             | 27.2               | 12                               |
| Fall to lower level                       | 100.0          | 7.8                        | 10.6   | 13.2           | 8.9             | 5.8              | 11.1             | 42.6               |                                  |
| Fall to same level                        | 100.0          | 9.5                        | 8.5    | 18.0           | 12.5            | 11.0             | 7.8              | 32.8               | 12                               |
| Slips, trips, loss of balancewithout fall | 100.0          | 14.3                       | 8.6    | 16.0           | 12.8            | 14.5             | 7.3              | 26.6               | 10                               |
| Overexertion                              | 100.0          | 9.5                        | 9.1    | 19.4           | 14.3            | 13.0             | 8.1              | 26.6               | 10                               |
| Overexertion in lifting                   | 100.0          | 10.0                       | 8.9    | 19.7           | 14.2            | 12.9             | 9.1              | 25.2               | 9                                |
| Repetitive motion                         | 100.0          | 4.6                        | 6.7    | 10.3           | 8.6             | 11.6             | 8.5              | 49.7               | 30                               |
| Exposure to harmful substances            | 100.0          | 20.5                       | 14.3   | 25.9           | 16.4            | 8.5              | 2.4              | 12.1               | 4                                |
| Transportation accidents                  | 100.0          | 12.2                       | 11.2   | 18.4           | 14.1            | 11.7             | 9.8              | 22.6               | 8                                |
| Fires and explosions                      | 100.0          | 14.1                       | 8.5    | 24.3           | 13.9            | 2.5              | 20.3             | 16.4               | 7                                |
| Assaults and violent acts by person       | 100.0          | 15.6                       | 11.1   | 22.1           | 22.3            | 7.2              | 6.1              | 15.7               | 6                                |

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Days-away-from-work cases include those which result in days away from work with or without restricted work activity.

SOURCE: Bureau of Labor Statistics, U. S. Department of Labor, Survey of Occupational Injuries and Illnesses in cooperation with participating State agencies.

NOTE: Dashes indicate data that are not available. Because of rounding and data exclusion of nonclassifiable responses, data may not sum to the totals.